ERGYMEN AND OFFICIALS AROUSED BY THE GREER CASE

BOY 3 HOURS

ued from First Page.) sel for the Greers, "Be n going to help him if I

proborates Testimony. garet Harmer, another ate of the Greer home, to give, her version of

corroborated every all of that of her sister, but she

"I was anxious to know where Albert did get that money, so after we were sent from the room I slipped around to a side door and looked on until Mrs. Greer gave out and didn't have strength enough to go on. Albert was so done up Mrs. Greer had to hold him up by his two hands while she struck him across the back." Albert, she said, finally told Mrs. Greer that he had taken the money from another boy's pocket. "He didn't tell her that until Mrs.

Greer told him that Mr. Greer was going to kill him when he got home he didn't tell," the witness added. J. E. Peterson, one of the two District labor inspectors, was one of the last witnesses called by the District before Attorney George P. Barse au-nounced that the District's case was

Peterson told of his inspection of the Greer home after charges of violation of the child labor law had been made against Mr. and Mrs. Greer. "I have seen the little children from Greer's bakery come out and sit on my automobile and gnaw on bones they got from the Greer kitchen. "They were poorly clothed, ragged, and dirty. They appeared cold and

"I have never seen them wel dressed, not even during the bitter cold spell earlier in the winter." This was the sworn testimony a lawyer-F. D. Davison, of 1112 East Capitol street, who for the last two years has kept two of his automobiles

hungry and always seemed to be

in the Greer garage at the rear o the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A Greer, 116 Twelfth street northeast. in the course of the examination of Mr. Davison in Juvenile Court last night, where the Greers are facing charges of providing improper homes for several orphan children, the lawyer-witness declared that he was so moved to pity by the children's condition that he did what he could

"I often gave them nickels and nes when the Davison said.

Neighbor Tells Same Story.

to relieve them.

A neighbor of the Greers, William T. Hammack, who resides at 134 Eleventh street northeast, at the rear of the Greer bakery, gave substan-Asked by Corporation Counsel if he had noticed the clothes worn by the Greer bakery children, Mr. Ham-

"They did not appear to me to be well-clothed. I noticed this particularly during the cold weather earlier

"Frequently, I saw the girls in the slley, or in the street, wearing no jury. coats or outer garments. They were short-sleeved affairs, the same as they wore inside the house.

"I remarked to several persons at the time about-it. On one occasion I saw the little boys from the bakery going down the street. They had on no coats, and I don't think they even had seen them wearing when I had Edith coked through the windows and seen them working in the bakery."

Swore at Laughter.

Mr. Hammack told of passing the Creer home some time ago and hearing Mr. Greer swearing at the girls. I heard the girls laughing and talking inside the house," the witness "Mr. Greer was in the alley preparing to leave in his automobile. He swore at them and then told them to 'Shut up or I will come in there and shut you up." They ceased

those children well clad," he con-Labor Inspector Peterson said that Winkle, police woman.

"Several children were present when we went into the bakery," Mr. Peterson said. "We asked them if they had labor permits. All of them answered in the negative.

Gave Older Ages. "When we asked their ages, they gave ages older than they later ad-

restified that she heard both Mr. and the children at Colonial Beach and worked on," she replied. Mrs. Greer whispering to the chil- the big hampers of food taken on eren to "say sixteen years old." The Labor Inspector told of his in-

"We had to climb up a perpendicu- dren had but to ask "and Mrs. Greer for ladder and crawl through a trap | would give them whatever money or to enter the boys' rooms, he said. "There were six beds or cots in with. the room. They were very close to-

ing apparatus in the room. "In the girls' room, there were seven little iron cots very close together. There were some girls in to the home," Mrs. Chiverton said, "I there very busily engaged in clean-

Made Severnl Visits.

said he had been to the Greer home several times Asked why he did not take action.

he said he did not know there were ciothes so they would be stylish." hildren working in the bakery under exteen years old. His concern, he said, was for children under sixteen. The District rested its case at 7:32 earlier in the trial that she had never n'clock, Assistant Corporation Counsel Robert P. Barse reserving the with that of the seamstress who tes-



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No Child Should Be Sent To a Home Without a Thorough Investigation

By REV. HUGH T. STEVENSON, Bethany Baptist Church.

Home is the ideal environment for the development of a child. The interests of society are wrapped up in the moulding of the character of the young ilfe which

calls for the protection of the home. If, through necessity, and only then, some adequate provision must be made for the training of the child in an institution because the home life cannot be preserved, the environment should be one which will preserve the spirit of the home. Personally I prefer to call the institution a home rather than an orphanage, so that the dominant purpose may always be kept before those responsible for its management as a center of Chris-

tian culture. Aside from the religious training, which is the foundation of a noble character, provision must be made for the proper physical and mental training of the orphan child.

There is much to be said in favor of placing children in homes where children are desired. No child should ever be allowed by any orphanage or children's organization to be sent during the plastic period of child life into a home where they desired to profit by the child's labor. The acceptance of references and statements of persons to whom the applicant has referred the authorities of the children's institution at par, without a personal investigation by its own officers is a mistake. In some instances it is a blunder and a crime because it takes from the child an opportunity for an all-round development of its character and talents.

could not be present last night. Before calling a witness for the defense, counsel for the Greers moved the girls at Easter. that the case be dismissed.

REV. HUGH T. STEVENSON.

Attorney David argued that the act of Congress creating the juvenile court did not give the accused the dren ate their meals?" the witness right to trial by jury. He held that was asked. the present action is the same as a prosecution, and, as such, the defendant should be entitled to trial by

Denies Dismissal Motion. He asked for a ruling on the constitutionality of the law.

"The motion for dismissal is denied," said Judge Kathryn Sellers. The defense noted an exception. A little, old woman, wearing a

black dress and a small black hat had on hats. The day was bitterly and walking with a cane, was half cold. Behind them walked the girls, led, half carried to the witness stand They wore the same light clothing I by Mr. Greer. The woman was Mrs. Chiverton, witness for the Mrs. Chiverton said she lived at 13 Ninth street northeast. For about ten years, the woman said, she had been seamstress at the Greer home, looking after the clothes for the bakery children.

Cult Job Once,

Six days a week, she said, she went to the Greers to work for a number her services. About four years ago she suffered an injury to her back. Since that time she has been able to work only four days a week. Some months ago Mrs. Chiverton

i nued. "They were on Sundays just high cost of living, but later return-

he was accompanied on his visit to up, and I wanted more. She let me "I told Mrs. Greer that wages was fix my own price," the witness said. Her price was \$1.50 a day. On direct examination she painted torney.

a beautiful picture of the home life

Tells of Dresses and Outings. The witness told the court of the made for the girls; of organdles trimmed with lace; of handsome silk

The Greers treated them "as if they spection of the sleeping quarters of were their own children." the witness said, and at Christmas time the chilthey wanted to shop and buy gifts

"After the talking machine came." crether. There was no stove or heat- the witness said, "the children went into the front parlor at nights and had music and entertainments." "As soon as a child would be sent

made her two work dresses, two I was. She left a few months ago, evening dresses and a Sunday dress. however. "The girls picked out what they cross-examination Peterson wanted and they always uppeared to be satisfied. We used to take the fashion books and look ever them and discuss how to make up the

Contradicts Dorothy Harmer. Miss Dorothy Harmer's statement

been properly clothed was in conflict ified that: "Last July I counted up twenty-

hree dresses I made for Dorothy Harmer while she was there."

the answer. Asked to describe some of the dresses, she said: "Well, there was a white organdie group picture of several girls, formdress, trimmed with lace; a handsome erly at the bakery.

voile, a beautiful silk gown and "Yea I remember all those girls." numerous other dresses as well as a There are eleven dresses I can see Greer will not take the stand in their will be followed by final settlement lot of Sunday dresses and some work | there that I made," the witness said. defense until some time next week. by the league of nations, when the In the summer season, Mrs. Chiver- did not grow so nervous over the nesses to be called by the defense.

right to recall certain witnesses who ton testified, "all the girls had pretty gingham, lawn and poplin dresses." Usually she made silk dresses for

> Says Menis Were Good. "Were you present when the chil-

"Yes. For breakfast they had meat, gravy, hot biscuit, coffee and oatmeal, and there was enough for all," she replied.

For lunch, she said, they had bread, butter, jelly, or apple sauce, and sometimes tomatoes and vegetables from the Greer farm in Virginia. She said the children were served two months ago that she was forced

the same menu as that served the to get up and go home. The witness was asked if the children were furnished towels. "Yes," she replied. "I stitched their

initials in many of them." Towels Offered In Evidence. A bundle of clean towels was then offered, as evidence. She identified ton about her assertion that the

several of them as bearing initials Greers frequently brought in loads made by her. The towels bore the initials of some farm. of the children recently taken from the Greer home, who have testified that they had no towels, but used erator"

their jackets, caps, or anything that of years. She was paid \$1 a day for came handy, in drying their faces and hands. On cross-examination, Mrs. Chiverton was again asked to identify the torney asked. towels. She claimed she put the initials on them last fall when sev-

said she quit the job because of the eral boys arrived from Philadelphia. Attorney Barse asked the witness if the towels had ever been washed. She said she did not know. "Do they appear to you as if they

had been washed since those initials were sewed in them?" asked the atthe bakery children as she said see. I did not have anything to do year and a half. She stuck to her and find means for carrying it out. with them after they left me.

Saw Children With Towels. "Do you know whether the chilgreat number of dresses she had dren ever had them or not?" demanded the attorney.

Mrs. Van Winkle had previously dresses; of the regular outings given with towels on their arms that I had the next shot fro mulie attorney. Asked how she thought the Greers reated the children, she answered:

"The Greers saw that the children were properly clothed, fed and given medical attention. They took an inpain in the lesions in my back," she terest in them and tried to bring them said. up as if they were their own children, so as to make good citizens of them. Asked about Mary McKnight, who

claims she was detained against her will in the Greer home for fougteen years, and is now planning to sue for wages and damages for that period back at my own price," the witness. The belief was expressed in certain "Mary McKnight was there before

Was Frail Girl.

'Mary was rather frail and every paralyzed as a result. year she had a spell of sickness. A was given medical attention. She back is eased," she said. was not allowed to do anything but

The court asked the witness what she considered "light work." picked raisins, cracked nuts, and did ing that Mrs. Greer was a "deceiver, such work as that," the witness fool, liar and thief."

Mrs. Chiverton said Mrs. Greer room three or four times a day or ars. Chiverton said. Was sent one of the girls up to see how she was getting along." Several photographs were offered as evidence. One of them was a

Children's Council to Consider the Strange Case of the Bakery Children

By STEPHEN E. KRAMER,

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and President of the Children's Council.

"All social workers of the city are following with increasing interest the stories in The Times of the strange case of the bakery children. I have no official report on the case, and know nothing more than The Times has printed, but it suggests things that the Children's Council should consider.

"At our monthly meeting on Wednesday next, I will have the case up for discussion. Some of our members are already taking an active interest in the matter.

"The council is made up of representatives of all the social agencies in the District. It is a sort of clearing house where all phases of child welfare are considered.

"If reports are true, this is a case that should affect one way or another every social agency in the District."

Question of Child Placing Most Important

By REV. J. HENNING NELMS, Pastor of the Church of the Ascension.

"While I am unfamiliar with the Greer case, the statements as published in The Times proves that this city needs immediate and adequate laws for child-

"The only solution to the problem in my mind is to build institutions in which to place the hundreds of orphans. Such institutions are needed and needed badly.

"I have been a strong advocate for the building of such institutions for many years. Anything I can do for the children I do it gladly. I will preach from the pulpit on the necessity of the immediate building of institutions and stand ready to join any movement in bettering conditions.

"Truly the situation is critical and should demand immediate action. To my mind the question of childplacing is a most important question and should receive immediate attention, for it concerns the welfare of our country's future citizens."

beating administered Albert Wilson

"Such things always make me nervous," she said. "I was about ready

to go home anyway. It was not the

whipping that made me leave. I did

not see Mrs. Greer strike the boy but

two blows. Then I left. I don't

Atterney Barse asked Mrs. Chiver-

"Yes" the witness answered.

Refriegrator Locked.

"Was there a lock on it?" the at

"I think they did, at least at

"No, sir," the witness answered.

Lucs Migraine Tablets,

Quarreled With Dorothy Harmer.

"Who left?" asked Attorney Davis.

"Dorothy did," was the reply.

noon at 1 o'clock.

"No, I use migraine tablets," she

"Don't you use the needle?"

know what took place later."

She said it was true.

night," was the answer.

attorney

(Continued from First Page.) of fruit and produce from the Greer created to take care of the lesser questions, leaving the peace bureau free to center its attention on only "The food was kept in the reirig- the broad lines of the settlement and to make decisions on the findings of the committees,

With all these committees functioning simultaneously a pace could be maintained that would bring the signing of the treaty several weeks nearer than was believed possible. The strain of his intensive application to work for ten hours a day is

telling on the President. The last few days, during which he fought consistently against the policy of Attorney Barse reopened the dis- spoilation, were particularly trying, cussion of "Dorothy Harmer's twen- Despite the fact he is working longer ty-three dresses," which Mrs. Chiver and harder than at any time since he ton claimed she made for her in a assumed onice, the resident ton claimed she made for her in a tinues to urge a "hurry-up" policy assumed office, the President con-

"Didn't Dorothy and other girls there go to the drug store and get morphine for you?" asked the TO SPEED UP WORK ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

PARIS, Feb. 1 .- The usual plenary session was postponed today to peraction on the framework for the "On a doctor's orders, to allay the League of Nations,

President Wilson conferred wit Lord Cecil and General Smuts until said she had been using mi- late last night, comparing the American plan for the league of nations Asked if she had not left the em- with their respective outlines, that ploy of Mrs. Greer, she said she quit the whole proposition may be put in some time ago because she wanted shape for presentation to the peace higher wages. "She let me come congress next week

quarters that demonstration of the On redirect examination it was practicability of the league, as brought out that Mrs. Chiverton suf- evinced in several recent decisions fered injury to her back several by the bureau, would hasten agreeyears ago. She said she was partially ment on the details of its make up. The German colonial question was "By using a couple of migraine tab. virtually settled in accordance with doctor was always called and she lets the pain in the lesions in my principles of the league. Previously the bureau had acted in the capacity of an association of nations in warning central and eastern European The witness testified that she had countries to cease warring over dishad trouble with Dorothy Harmer be- puted territories. The bureau as-"Well, she made 'Sunshine' cakes, cause she reported Dorothy for say- sumed a similar capacity yesterday when it decided to send delegates to straighten out the argument between the Czechs and the Poles over posses-

"Dorothy later came into the room sion of that rich industrial district. looked after Miss McKnight, and and said, 'Anybody who says I called A queer tangle has developed in "How long was that?" counsel when the girl was ill "went up to her Mrs. Greer those names is a liar," the relations of the Czechs and Poles, in that their representatives are sitarrange a treaty with a common enemy, yet there are outbursts of fighting between their own troops The trial is to be resumed this after- over the question of readjustments of their new boundaries. A temporary It appears probable that Mr. and Mrs. settlement by the allied commission Mrs. Chiverton was asked if she There are a number of character wit- fatter institution is formally estab-

Dependent Children and THREE HURT WHEN Orphans Should Not Be Farmed Out to Work

By MGR. C. F. THOMAS, Rector of St. Patrick's Church.

"I have for a long time been opposed to placing orphans, or dependent children, in the care of private

families. I have come across so many instances of neglect and want of proper care of such children. The heads of our Catholic institutions for orphans are very loath and slow to put out orphans in any kind of families.

"It is a very rare family that can treat those children properly. They are disposed to make them drudges and give them very little of the better things of life. I believe that orphans are better cared for in our Catholic institutions because they are there pre-



pared for work when they are judged competent to look out for themselves. There is no more love, consideration, or attention paid to them than our Sisters and Brothers bestow, because they are animated by a high, super-natural, and Christian spirit. "The Washington Times is to be commended in

originating a movement to better the living conditions of such unfortunate children and to wipe out altogether the iniquities of this system of 'farming out' orphans and dependent children."

when a wagon in which they were riding was struck by a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company at Four-and-a-half street and Missouri avenue northwest.

The men are Anastasius Goergantue, thirty-seven years old, of 209 G street northeast; Garfalia Chiporolus, forty-three years old, of 300 John Marshal place northwest, and Kleon D. Fokipes, twenty-one years old, of 300 John Marshal place northwest. All were taken to Casualty Hospital. An automobile operated by Malcomb Dougherty, twenty-one years old, of Cherrydale, Va., collided with an automobile owned by Robert Connick. of 526 Ninth street northwest, which was standing in front of 1118 B street

northeast today. Both machines were badly damaged. Slight damage resulted when an automobile operated by Harry Feaster, of 225 Seventh street northeast. collided with an automobile operated by Mrs. Bessie Tyler, of 325 E street northeast, at Third and C streets northeast last night.

James Golding, 1338 Union street northwest, was injured on the body yesterday when he was thrown from the bicycle he was riding who nit was struck by an unidentified automobile at Twelfth and G streets northwest.

PHONE PROFITEERS ARE DENIED SERVICE

Postmaster General Burleson issued an order yesterday discontinuing the telephone service of hotels, apartment houses, clubs, and similar institutions in New York city which charge guests, tenants, or members for telephone messages an amount in excess of that charged for the same service at the public pay stations in the same exchanges.

Mr. Burleson's order was embodied a telegram to Union N. Bethel, chairman of the Government telegraph and telephone operating board The hotels were charging 10 instead



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